

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims.

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

specifying, by way of a user selection via a ~~phone~~ phonebook application resident on a user device, one or more subscribers from a list stored on the user device;
initiating establishment of an ad-hoc group call with the user device and one or more subscriber devices associated with the one or more subscribers; ~~and~~
determining to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook ~~application~~ application;
determining to store the selection of the subscribers in the phonebook application; and
deleting the user selection of the one or more subscribers from the phonebook application
when the ad-hoc group call ends.

32. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 31, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, transmission of a request for the ad-hoc group call to a group communication service via a network for signaling the one or more subscribers.

33. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 32, further comprising:

causing, at least in part, transmission of a media item, a media item request, or a combination thereof to the group communication service each time a talk activity is detected or indicated at the user device, the one or more subscriber devices, or a combination thereof during the ad hoc group call.

34. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 33, wherein the media item, the media item request, or the combination thereof is transmitted based, at least in part, on one or more settings defined in user plane functions.

35. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 31, further comprising:
causing, at least in part, rendering at the user device a presentation of a group communications menu based, at least in part, on the one or more subscribers; and
receiving another user selection of one or more operation options in the group communications menu for establishing the ad-hoc group call.

36. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 31, further comprising:
receiving another user selection of a predetermined button for establishing the ad-hoc group call without further user intervention.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 31, wherein the ad-hoc group call includes data communication, audio communication, video communication, multimedia communication, messaging, or a combination thereof.

39. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 31, further comprising:
causing, at least in part, rendering a list of the one or more subscribers and the presence information of the one or more subscribers at the user device.

40. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 39, wherein the presentation further includes a subject of the ad-hoc group call, context, a location, a time zone, a user device status, or a combination thereof.

41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code for one or more programs,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to perform at least the following,

specify, by way of a user selection via a ~~phone~~-phonebook application resident on a user device, one or more subscribers from a list stored on the user device;

initiate establishment of an ad-hoc group call with the user device and one or more subscriber devices associated with the one or more subscribers; and

determine to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook ~~application~~-application;

determine to store the selection of the subscribers in the phonebook application; and

delete the user selection of the one or more subscribers from the phonebook application when the ad-hoc group call ends.

42. (Previously Presented) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

cause, at least in part, transmission of a request for the ad-hoc group call to a group communication service via a network for signaling the one or more subscribers.

43. (Previously Presented) An apparatus of claim 42, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

cause, at least in part, transmission of a media item, a media item request, or a combination thereof to the group communication service each time a talk activity is detected or indicated at the user device, the one or more subscriber devices, or a combination thereof during the ad hoc group call.

44. (Currently Amended) An apparatus of ~~claim 33~~, claim 43, wherein the media item, the media item request, or the combination thereof is transmitted based, at least in part, on one or more settings defined in user plane functions.

45. (Previously Presented) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

cause, at least in part, rendering at the user device a presentation of a group communications menu based, at least in part, on the one or more subscribers; and
receive another user selection of one or more operation options in the group communications menu for establishing the ad-hoc group call.

46. (Currently Amended) An apparatus of claim 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused to:

receive another user selection of a predetermined button for establishing the ad-hoc group call without further user intervention.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause an apparatus to at least perform the following steps:

specifying, by way of a user selection via a ~~phone~~ phonebook application resident on a user device, one or more subscribers from a list stored on the user device;

initiating establishment of an ad-hoc group call with the user device and one or more subscriber devices associated with the one or more subscribers; and

determining to store presence information of the subscribers in the phonebook ~~application-application~~;

determining to store the selection of the subscribers in the phonebook application; and

deleting the user selection of the one or more subscribers from the phonebook application

when the ad-hoc group call ends.

49. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 48, wherein the apparatus is caused to further perform:

causing, at least in part, transmission of a request for the ad-hoc group call to a group communication service via a network for signaling the one or more subscribers.

50. (Canceled)